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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 240 (Delegate Burns, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Evidence - Negligence - Prepayment of Fine or Forfeiture of Collateral

This bill provides that in a civil action arising out of a vehicle accident in which a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law, vehicular manslaughter, vehicular homicide while intoxicated, or life threatening injury by vehicle while intoxicated was charged, evidence of a payment of a fine without an appearance for trial or a forfeiture of collateral on the charge is admissible as evidence of negligence.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: This evidentiary change is not expected to significantly affect court workloads or otherwise directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill was introduced during the 1999 session as HB 890, but was withdrawn.

Cross File: None.

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